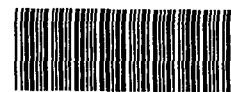


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EPA team coming to Guam for hazardous waste study

Guam may be eligible for congressional funds to clean up and store hazardous wastes on the island — depending on the findings of an Environmental Protection Agency team coming to Guam.

Representatives from the EPA regional office in San Francisco should arrive within the month, according to Dan Crytser, director of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Program on Guam.

EPA will examine the Ordot landfill for any hazardous wastes, but Crytser said the real problem here is the lack of a storage place for old chemicals.

Crytser is hoping the team can take a close look at the storage problem and possibly recommend that Guam get funds for a storage-staging area.

Chemicals, pesticides and other hazardous wastes are currently stockpiled in small amounts all over the island, many in rusting and damaged containers, Crytser said.

After completing its study, the visiting team will develop an action plan complete. Crytser said the plan might make Guam eligible for funds from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980.